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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed July 8, 2004.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this document and include attached replacement drawing sheets and annotated sheets showing changes made.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: